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SUBJ: CALGARY OFFICIALS PLAN TO CONSTRUCT LIGHT RAIL
TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM

PASS TO COMMERCE

1. CALGARY OFFICIALS ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A LRT SYSTEM ESTIMATED TO COST CANADIAN DOLS 115 MILLION. ONE OF NEXT KEY STEPS CONCERNS DECISION ON TYPE OF LRT WHICH WILL INCORPORATE ABOUT 27 CARS COSTING AN ESTIMATED CANADIAN DOLS 700 THOUSAND EACH. CITY OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY CONTRACTED WITH U.S. CONSULTING FIRM, LOUIS T. KLAUDER AND ASSOCIATES, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA TO DO INITIAL SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE REPORTEDLY DUE IN CALGARY NEAR END OF APRIL. AFTER CITY OFFICIALS REVIEW THE SPECIFICATIONS AND HAVE CHANCE TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS, THE CURRENT SCHEDULE CALLS FOR PUBLICATION OF FINAL SPECIFICATIONS IN MID MAY OR EARLY JUNE, FOLLOWED BY A THREE WEEK PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS. POST UNDERSTANDS SIEMENS-DUEWAG IS PRINCIPAL FOREIGN COMPETITOR FOR LRT CAR PURCHASES, ALTHOUGH BOEING VERTROL AND OTHERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION. THE PROSPECTS FOR THE DUEWAG CAR IN CALGARY HAVE NO DOUBT IMPROVED NOW THAT EDMONTON HAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE THIS LRT. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CITY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LRT PROJECT IS BILL KUYT, HEAD OF THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, HOWEVER, THE FINAL DECISION ON THE LRT WILL REST WITH CALGARY MAYOR RODNEY SYKES AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

2. POST WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. SINCE THE PROPOSED

THREE WEEK BID PERIOD IS RELATIVELY SHORT FOR A MAJOR
PROJECT SUCH AS THIS, COMMERCE MAY WISH TO CONTACT INTERESTED
FIRMS AT AN EARLY DATE. RATTRAY

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